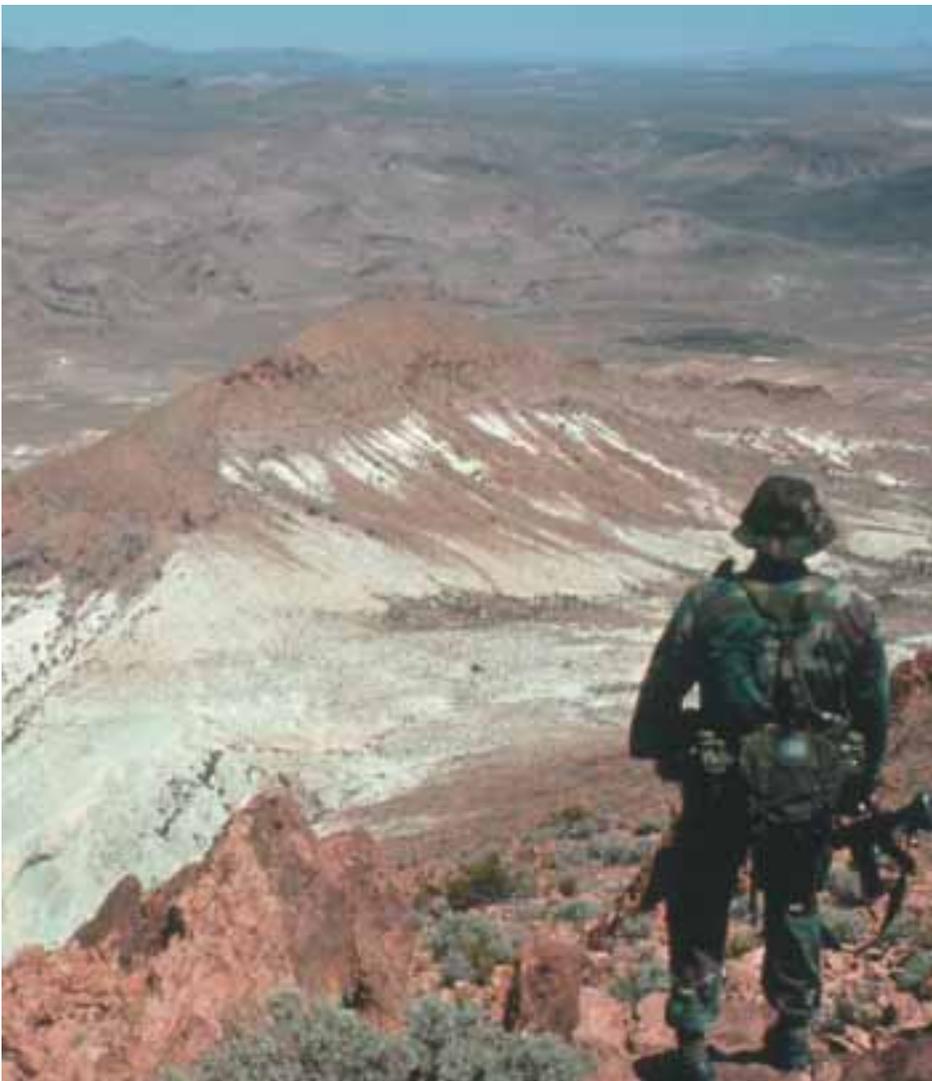


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A soldier looks out across the U.S. Air Force's Nellis Range in Nevada, home to a number of rare species.

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Undeveloped land at the site of the U.S. Air Force Academy supports one of the largest and most stable populations of the threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse.

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